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Letter dated 3 October 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I would like to request your kind assistance in circulating as a document of the Security Council the present letter and the annexed follow-up information regarding the attack by Abkhaz separatist militants on the police unit of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia that occurred on 6 September 2007.

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Annex to the letter dated 3 October 2007 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Follow-up information regarding the attack by Abkhaz separatist militants on the police unit of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia on 6 September 2007

In reference to the attack on the Georgian Interior Ministry police units that occurred on 6 September 2007, we would like to inform you of the following.

Georgian law enforcement agencies have acquired credible information on the identity of one of the militants who were killed. Until recently, Vice-Colonel Igor Muzavatkin, an officer assigned to the Maikop (Russian Federation) Brigade, was a commanding officer of the 558th special infantry battalion, a segment of the highly regarded and decorated 131st special infantry brigade. During the past few years the 558th battalion, under its commanding officer Muzavatkin, was fulfilling peacekeeping duties in Abkhazia, Georgia, particularly in the Gali district. After that assignment, Vice-Colonel Muzavatkin was transferred to the 19th brigade of the 58th Army, stationed in Vladikavkaz (Russian Federation).

The Georgian side expresses its extreme concern about this fact, proving that separatist illegitimate armed forces are constantly receiving support from a party which is supposed to be a facilitator of the conflict resolution process. Regretfully, we have been witnessing such a pattern of behaviour for 14 years. At the same time high-ranking Russian officials consider ordinary support and training to so-called anti-terrorist units, which in reality by nature are illegitimate military formations of the de facto Abkhaz regime, and are responsible for ethnic cleansing that took place in Abkhazia, Georgia.

The Georgian Government once again reminds all States of paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 876 (1993), in which the Council called on all States to prevent the provision from their territories or by persons under their jurisdiction of all assistance, other than humanitarian assistance.